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| For: | PLANAR LIGHTWAVE CIRCUIT TYPE VARIABLE OPTICAL ATTENUATOR |) |) |
| Examiner: | Brian Healy |) |) |

LETTER TO EXAMINER

Dear Sir,

The present application was properly filed as a U.S. nationalization of International Application Number PCT/JP2006/300372. However, on the filing receipt and on the published application, the International Application Number was references as PCT/JP06/00372. Notably, the “3” is missing from the last set of digits. On June 29, 2007, applicant filed a Petition for Correction of Filing Receipt requesting that the referenced International Application Number be changed from “PCT/JP06/00372” to “PCT/JP06/300372.” The requested corrected filing receipt, however, has not yet issued. Applicant understanding that the “3” is missing from the International Application Number on the filing receipt and the published application because the PTO system is not set to handle printing the full set of digits in the International Application Number but that the applicant’s claim of priority to the International application is proper in its present form. As appropriate, applicant respectfully requests that the examiner ensure that the patent that issues from the present

application include proper reference to the complete International Application Number PCT/JP06/300372.

Dated this 7th day of May 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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